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Baby Boesveld returns home to Minden

SUE TIFFIN
Staff Reporter

Baby Hunter is home.

The first baby to be born in 2021 in Haliburton County had quite the start to life after he was born at home in Minden on Jan. 8 to parents Kate-lynn and Scott Boesveld, with support from the Midwifery Services of Haliburton-Bancroft. That went well, but soon after his birth, he was struggling to eat, pass stool and began showing increasing signs of discomfort, leading to a stay at McMaster Children's Hospital and a diagnosis of Hirschsprung's disease.

Scott's family has a genetic history of Hirschsprung's disease, a disorder in which nerve cells in the intestines called ganglions are absent from part of the bowels at birth, causing muscles an inability to pass stool through the intestines, which can become blocked. During an ultrasound done around the 18-week mark, though Hunter's bowels could be seen, it wasn't possible to rule out Hirschsprung's as the ganglions couldn't be seen at that time.

After birth, Kate-lynn said Hunter began gagging on milk, was vomiting and was sleeping more than would be expected of a newborn. Following the guidance of the midwives, and using their own intuition, Kate-lynn and Scott made plans for their daughter with family, and headed to the emergency room at McMaster Children's Hospital in Hamilton – where Scott's brothers had been treated for Hirschsprung's disease as children (Scott was not born with Hirschsprung's disease). Kate-lynn said the drive was worrisome, not knowing if Hunter would be sick or feel uncomfortable in that time, so she rode in the back-

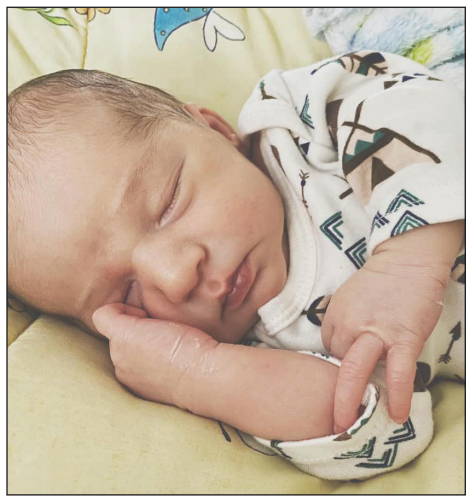
Not long after Hunter Boesveld was born, Haliburton County's first baby of the year was taken to the hospital for testing, which confirmed he has Hirschsprung's disease. "He is doing really well and is eating and sleeping a lot," posted his parents in an update on social media. /Submitted photo

seat next to him.

"Thankfully, he slept the whole way," she said.

At the hospital, Hunter was admitted quickly, and underwent tests including x-rays and a biopsy. Procedures to empty his stomach of bile began to help relieve his symptoms, which included a distended stomach. He also, at just a few days old, had to undergo a COVID-19 test due to having a symptom of vomiting.

"He was put through the ringer, but



he just laid there," said Kate-lynn. "The only time he would cry was when he had sticky tape put on his skin and pulled off. He honestly did so amazing through it all."

Due to his discomfort, nurses began doing bowel irrigations every six hours, until Kate-lynn and Scott became comfortable doing it themselves.

"Basically because I wanted to go home so bad, I just took over," said Kate-lynn, laughing.

Hunter was diagnosed with Hirschsprung's disease after results from the biopsy showed an absence of ganglion cells. He'll need surgery in the near future – called a pull-through procedure – to remove part of the intestine and pull through a healthy part so that it functions properly.

"It's supposed to correct it and I'm glad he won't remember any of it," said Kate-lynn. "They don't want to promise us anything because of [uncertainty during the pandemic], but as long as his weight increases, they said around March would be best. I'm trying to just get his weight up. They want him big and strong and healthy basically before the surgery so he's able to, you know, fight it and get through it. Plus his body is so little right now, I can't imagine them doing surgery on a tiny little thing."

Within days, Hunter began nursing, and then was off the IV, sleeping and eating on a normal schedule.

"It gives you quite an awareness for those sorts of things, I didn't really take it into consideration until it's actually happened to us and the struggles that we could deal with," said Kate-lynn. "We can go places, but we have to be back for the irrigation, so we just have to plan our life a little bit differently."

With Kate-lynn and Scott performing irrigations scheduled every six hours, they were able to be released from the hospital, where they appreciated the support but said a shared room where nurses were regularly in to check vitals, and kids were waking up in pain, made it difficult to rest.

"I basically prayed for each of those children," said Kate-lynn. "It made me feel blessed ... It just put you into someone else's shoes for a little bit. It was very stressful being in a hospital setting, sleeping in a [rock hard] chair for days. I'm trying to heal [post-birth], trying to process everything, you're not allowed to have visits ... We had a ton of people praying for us, and we definitely felt that prayer at that time. That's what got me through. But by Thursday, I had to get out of there, and I told the nurses that, I said, 'can you put a good word in for me?' I've tried to do these irrigations. I think I got nine hours of sleep in that week, that adds up. And I thought, if I have one more night like that, I'm going to have a meltdown."

Though her sleep continues to be "all over the place," Kate-lynn said she is feeling better.

"I'm really trying to take care of myself, and make sure I'm able to be there for my daughter and Hunter," said Kate-lynn. "I'm great, and Hunter acts like a [typical] baby, he smiles, he's doing all the baby things, so I'm really happy, because I'm always on edge now. I don't want something to turn, and he can get sick very quickly. I'm just basking in the cuddles and nursing and all the [typical] baby things I can do right now."

Kate-lynn said the support from her

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Culinary contributions needed for CFN cookbook

DARREN LUM

County Life Staff

Bringing together the Highlands East community through food is at the foundation of a new cook book being led by the Central Food Network.

This cook book is expected to be a celebration of the community and will include a collection of recipes that reflect the Highlands East community and the people that live, work and play there.

For this to work CFN, whose mission statement is "to assist the community and partners share food resources and create opportunities to help those living in poverty," is asking for recipes from individuals, who are year-round and seasonal residents, businesses such as restaurants, and local groups such as lake associations, or recreational clubs.

Tina Jackson, executive director, Central Food Network said she hopes this initiative will help.

"Food is always the way to bring people together. Even when we physically can't be. It's one of those things that draws people together and in many respects it's an equalizer. We all need to eat. We all cook and we thought this was a good way to celebrate community and to give people something to do while they're safely being at home," she said. "If we can turn it into a fundraiser as well to be able to help purchase more food for the food bank to give out to people that's a win. A win-win."

Gail Gotter, a CFN volunteer for four year, is spearheading this effort.

She is accepting the recipes and said the idea came from another cook book she bought, which was started from friends of hers, who created the book as a fundraiser after she moved to the Highlands East area five years ago.

Up to five recipes will be used in the cook book from each individual, business or group, but more submissions will be accepted so Gotter can go through them. It's ideal if the recipe includes ingredients that can be acquired locally in the community.

What she liked a lot about the cook book that she is basing the CFN one on was how the recipes were approachable.

"As I'm looking through there's nothing out of the ordinary in a lot of the recipes. That's what I like about it and that's why I purchased it. I think it will be good for people up here. Especially when they see their name attached to the recipe and the information," she said. "I think it will make people feel really good."

The example cookbook is 100 pages, measuring 5' x 8', spiral-ringed bound (allows to be folded flat in half) with a glossy cover and back, which is water resistant, and includes 171 recipes, hints and information on related cooking aspects such as spices. She believes matching the recipe tally of 171 is a reasonable goal for the community with this CFN cook book, which is expected to be printed by Gateway Rasmussen, The Cookbook Printer.

Although there won't be colour pictures of what each recipe makes in the cook book, there will be colourful dividers for sections such as appetizers, soups, meatless mains in the cook book.

Jackson said a cover has not been decided, but could be an opportunity for local artists to submit ideas.

Gotter adds this recipe book could also be a reference tool for people, who have asked about what the community kitchen has cooked in the past so they can cook it at home.

She said she loves to volunteer because she is able and it's what everyone does in the community.

"The people here are just fabulous. If you ever need anything, no matter who they are or what's their background. People are there to help. If I can do something to help in my own little menial way that's what I enjoy doing," she said.

This is a first recipe book for the organization, but could spur on other similar efforts in the coming years, Jackson intimated.

"We'll see how it goes and certainly we're very excited about this. I'm hoping it will turn into something that we can do a second round of it," she said.

The cookbook is open to more than just individuals.

"We're definitely encouraging local businesses to submit recipes. If we can highlight local groups and businesses we'd love to be able to do that," she said.

Joanne Vanier, treasurer of the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair, said this provides multiple benefits from fundraising to giving a centralized focus for people.

She said submitting recipes is important on behalf of the fair and helps to keep their event active after a year out of the limelight.

"It just seemed like a great idea for the community. There's so many little groups right now that are struggling to get noticed. For instance, the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair. We didn't have a fair last year and we're just talking about what we possibly can do this year so putting in some recipes is a way to say, 'Hey, we're still here' and support the Food Network at the same time," she said.

Vanier, who is also long-time booster of geocaching in the area, said recipes will be coming on behalf of Tupper T. Turtle, who is the mascot of Geocaching Capital of Canada GeoTour.

Searching through Google for recipes is a ubiquitous action for most, but knowing the people who provided a recipe is important aspect to this endeavour.

"Having something that is submitted by people you know or organizations you know that's what makes this special," Vanier said. "You can't get that on Google."

Send recipes to recipes@centralfoodnetwork.org or use this form to submit (https://forms.gle/CouhE2i8XdGNes5q8). If emailing, be sure to include your name (and any business or group info, if applicable) as you want it to appear in the cookbook, and the recipe(s) either in the body of the email or attached as a Word document.

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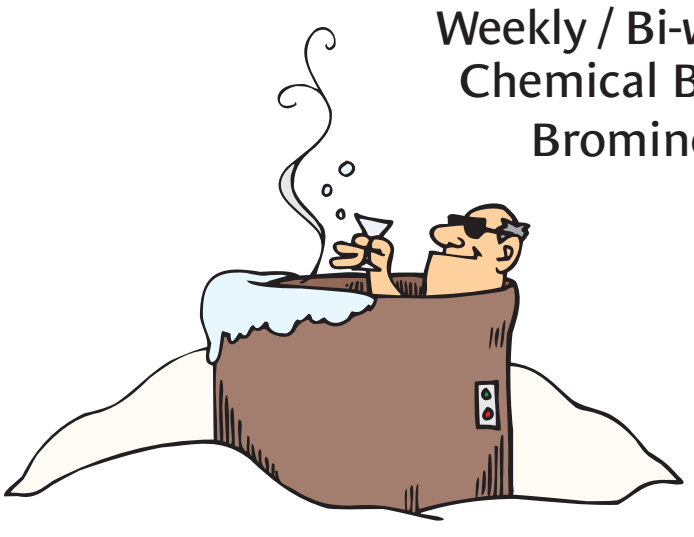

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On Jan. 29, 90-year-old Linda Jenkins was among the first residents of Haliburton County to receive the Moderna vaccine. She was one of 42 residents and 10 staff members at Extendicare in Haliburton to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. /Submitted photo

Highlands Summer Festival cancels 2021 season

MIKE BAKER
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

After being forced to cancel its 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, organizers of the Highlands Summer Festival [HSF] have made the "difficult decision" to shutter the 2021 summer theatre season.

In a release to media on Jan. 31, HSF president Brian Kipping said the cancellation comes amid growing uncertainty about the COVID-19 restrictions that could still be in place by the time July and August roll around.

"It is with reluctance that we make this announcement," Kipping said. "It is not where we wanted to be following last season's cancellation. Our first concern, however, is for the safety of our patrons and staff."

Patrons who purchased season tickets ahead of the 2020 season and didn't request a refund will have their tickets honoured for the 2022 season, Kipping confirmed.

"We will respect that commitment when we are finally allowed to step back into the theatre and onto the stage," he said.

While the traditional theatre season will not go ahead, that does not mean HSF will be inactive over the coming months. Artistic director Scot Denton said the group was "exploring the possibility" of hosting its early stages program. Early stages is a four-week intensive theatre education initiative designed for young people aged ten to 14.

"The participants learn about all the facets involved in a theatrical production," Denton said.

There are also tentative plans to follow in the footsteps of other Ontario-based theatre groups and take their shows online.

"Following on the heels of our very popular 'Memories' video, we have a number of others in the works," Denton noted. "I can't show my hand just yet, but keep an eye on our website for new presentations."

Kipping meanwhile wanted to take a moment to thank those who continued to support HSF in 2020. While he didn't disclose a dollar amount, the HSF president said a number of donations received by members of the community helped to keep the theatre group afloat through what was a difficult year.

"Even though there have been no performances, we have ongoing expenses and these donations help to keep the Highlands Summer Festival alive and ready to go when conditions allow," Kipping said. "Thank you for your support."

For more information, visit www.highlandssummerfestival.on.ca.

Boesvelds appreciate 'awesome' support through a difficult time

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mother-in-law, in particular, has been invaluable.

"She went through it all, with two of [her five kids]," said Kate-lynn. "She honestly has been amazing through it all. We talked to the surgeon and he said, listen to any of the advice that she has because she did it for so long. It's been comforting to know that she has the knowledge, and she's so helpful, with any questions we have. It's been very nice to know someone close who has experienced it."

Surgeries were different back then, and people can be affected differently by Hirschsprung's disease – one brother-in-law had more than 20 surgeries before he was four years old. Even after surgery, Hunter will need to be mindful of what he eats, and could have a lowered immune system, but will otherwise be able to live independently.

Though the Boesveld family only recently purchased and moved to Ray's Place on Hwy 121 in Minden, a community of off-road enthusiasts quickly raised funds online and offline to help support the family with the costs incurred during Hunter's current hospital stays, and for future medical trips.

"Oh my goodness, it's unbelievable, I had tears in my eyes, just seeing the amount of support," Kate-lynn told *County Life*. "It's just really awesome to have that support and love from everybody, it's so great. It shocked me completely."

To help with the costs of travelling back and forth to McMaster Children's Hospital, a GoFundMe has been set up for their family and is available at https://ca.gofundme.com/f/baby-hunter-needs-our-help.

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HHSS student artist profile

Bio: Justin Hagopian is a Grade 12 graduating student that has taken many arts courses throughout his years at HHSS, including visual arts, drawing, media arts and guitar. Justin is hoping to take his creative vision forward.

I am an artist who loves to think and ponder about many things: life, existence, the functions of the two, and everything in between. Art provides me the ability to showcase these important thoughts and ideas visually, encouraging others to ponder them as well.

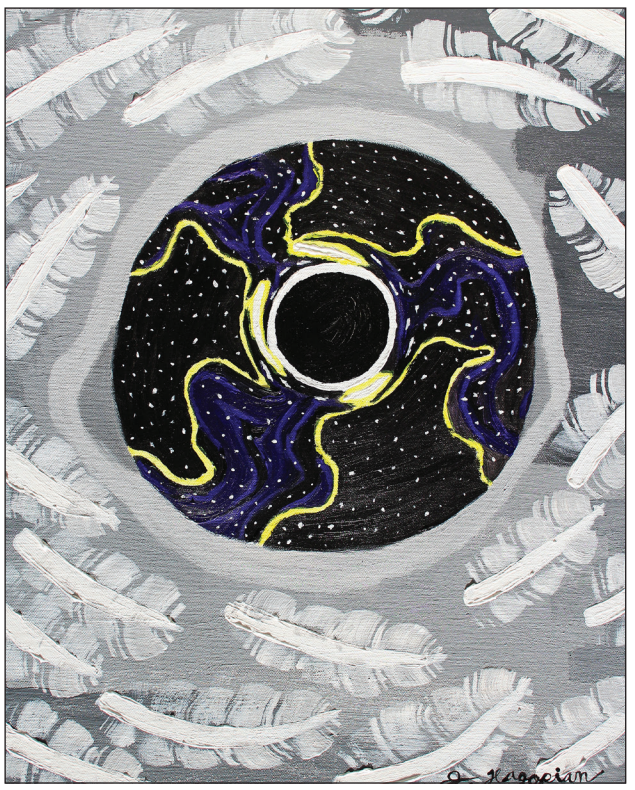
I see the beauty in many things, which gives me an appreciation for various different forms and genres of art. This beauty can be in the ideas, or in the visual qualities of the art itself. Generally, the concept - the meaning of the work, is more important to me. As long as I create a piece that is visually intriguing to the mind and provides it with interesting thoughts, I have achieved my goal. Art that causes the brain to think in an unusual way, especially about concepts that I feel are very important, is a blessing to the mind. Only when we think differently, can we learn, do, and create new and unique things.

To learn and change as a person is important, because only then will we ever get wiser. So, I plan on experimenting, and continuing to refine various artistic skills along the way. At the moment, I am generally interested in thought, exploring the boundaries of the mind, and creating works that allow others to do so too. The more we think about, the closer we come to discovering what it means to be human. Thus, I also think the differences people have from one another, especially regarding perception and the mind as a whole, should be embraced and cared for. I create my art with this awareness.

I personally prefer a more simple approach with many of my works, while employing multiple elements and principles of design to create emphasis and contrast. This nudges the viewer down the right path, directing them towards the message of the piece, while also allowing one to come to their own conclusions.

The medium I create my works in also varies, but I enjoy drawing in graphite, or painting. I personally don't find working with mixed media very satisfying because it appears to lack unity, muddying the waters of its underlying meaning. Visual appeal is important in order to encourage the viewer to come back to ponder the work multiple times.

The style of work I create typically varies from surreal fantasy, to abstract, as I find these to be most effective in sparking the imagination. One of my favourite artists is Salvador Dali, with his bizarre, surreal scenes, each holding deep and interesting concepts and ideas.



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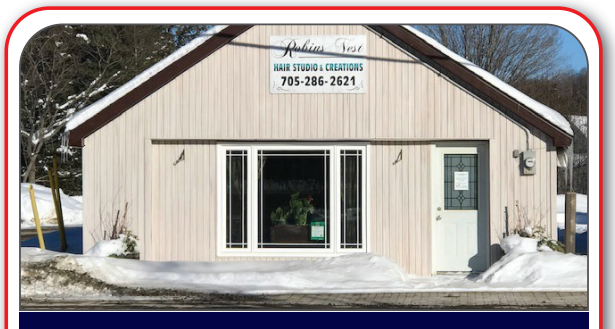

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COVID, Shmovid … It's Valentine's Day, don'tcha know!

Maybelle's
Fireside stories

DEAR READER, nobody has to remind ol' Maybelle that Valentine's Day is coming. Why, I can smell it a mile away. Sure, love is in the air with its own sweet special aroma. Even Willy Shakespeare knew that when he had the fairy, Puck, in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* use a love potion made from a flower called 'love-in-idleness', or wild pansy (Viola tricola). Now, I wouldn't put my money on that actually working in Lake WhaddayathinkImean, or anywhere else outside of a fictional story, but I would put my money on this -- the love potion that starts in your head, don'tcha know

Yep, there's the key.

You just close your eyes and silently repeat: LOVE. LOVE. LOVE over and over. You breathe it in. Ahhhhh! And, the more you think LOVE, the more it fills you with the sweetest, most comforting feeling imaginable. Head to toe. THAT'S the potion ol' Maybelle's talking about. THAT's when the magic happens. When the air turns sweeter and so does everyone and everything around you. Even those who are miles away. The most magical thing is – you're not only hit by cupid's arrow, you become cupid yourself, don'tcha know.

And right now, while COVID is still so much on our minds … what if we let those thoughts and worries go, and in their place bring in LOVE? Why, Bogart, my pet bear, did. He took all of the cookies out of the cookie jar and formed a great big heart on the kitchen floor and said: For you, Mama Maybelle. Well, if my first reaction wasn't: Bogart! Now I have to clean it all up! Fortunately, I didn't say it, just thought it, and a nano second later, the love potion in my mind went straight to my heart and my heart swelled like my waist does after eating too many apple and cinnamon dumplings, don'tcha know. Oh, Bogart. YOU are my Valentine, too!

Twindle Mumbly is planning to give his prized stuffed goose, Helen (he's a taxidermist, don'tcha know) to a lady in the village who he's been smitten with for years. Just never had the courage to let her know. So, after seeing her on numerous occasions feeding the geese along the lake in the warmer months … Helen will be leaving Twindle's place of honour in a corner of his showroom for a new home just five blocks away. Hope she doesn't mind that Helen's stuffed.

Now, I know for a fact, because he told me, that Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom is treating his sweetie, Vilma Yuccch, to a very special take-out dinner from a gourmet restaurant in Lake W. Why, Chef Bob is noted for his spectacular Beef Wellington and Rabbit Foot Stew. Just pulling your crank about that last one. And Vilma is so excited, she's gone into her closet and freshened up a beautiful vintage ball gown that her Auntie Fester gave her. "Vi not?" she said. "Make candles and sparkly tablecloth. Romantic music, yes, Maybelle?" she said in her charming broken English. "Vi not, is right," I said back. And if bears can smile, I could swear I saw Bogart smile at her, too.

Now, if ol' Maybelle could send a Valentine to the world … in my wildest imaginings … it would be a real love potion that opened people's hearts to each other and to Mother Earth. It would transform prejudice and fear to love. We would all become

colour-blind in the best ways. The ways that bring us all together and make us want to understand our differences, be they religious or otherwise. LOVE. It's so simple and so obvious and yet, we forget about it like a lost sock that we learn to live without.

So, let me end by wishing you a very Happy Valentine's Day. And, as the Beatles told us many years ago: All you need is love. All you need is love. All you need is love, love. Love is all you need.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's books, "Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon," and "Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You" are available at amazon.com

Top 10 reasons to delay shovelling the driveway

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

February is upon us. It is the time when the glass is half full – but only with snow because you left it outside on the deck. At a time like this, when winter is on the way out, it is not abnormal to think of reasons to delay shoveling the driveway. All you need is a good excuse or two. Here are 10 that generally work for me.

1. Spring might just come earlier than we think.
2. If we can't get out of the driveway, social distancing is that much easier.
3. My heart and back said so.
4. I put out a "Free snow ball material" sign.
5. We have all-wheel drive.
6. I'm hoping for a solar flare.
7. My shovel is somewhere under all that snow.
8. It's just going to snow again.
9. Can we at least wait to see if the detour sign will trick the snow plough?
10. I'm no longer actually sure where the driveway is.

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Long shadows stretch across the snow, leading a heavily snow-laden tree on Saturday, Jan. 30 in West Guilford. / Submitted by David Zilstra

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Children of Maple View Complex play on the recently installed playground outside their homes on Thursday, Jan. 21 in Wilberforce. The complex recently had the playground installed to replace a 25-year-old playground with a $34,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant./ DARREN LUM Staff

Giving children a place to play

DARREN LUM

County Life Staff

Watching her seven-year-old son Andrew McArthur-Robertson clamber on and around the latest addition to the Maple View complex in Wilberforce makes Sandra McArthur smile.

It's a long-time coming for her and the residents that call the complex home. The community was presented with an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant worth $34,000 in 2019 to cover the costs of the new playground, installed late-last year to replace a 25-year-old playground.

McArthur said it provides her peace of mind to know her son has a safe place to play close to home.

"This playground equipment offers more opportunity for imagination. The other was just so straight forward. And it wasn't multi-age groups. This one has multi-age groups because you have the smaller slide and the bigger slide, so more than one age group can be on it," she said. "Being able to cook your meals and watch your kid at the same time is convenient. And the kids really enjoy it."

A resident at the complex for 11 years, who is originally from Toronto said she's happy living in Wilberforce where it isn't too far for her son to be able to attend Stuart Baker Elementary School where he can be enrolled in French Immersion. When she lived in Cardiff the distance was too great for the bus trip to transport her two older children to continue their French immersion study after starting in Lindsay.

Kathy Rogers, the administrator for the Monmouth Township Non-Profit Housing Corporation, said this grant provides a positive message to the residents of the complex.

"I hope it makes them feel important because I think it's important it's here. Right now, I think the importance is being highlighted with the pandemic because technically we're not supposed to have our playground open according to our service manager," she said. "But for us we have it opened because we have a limited number of kids."

She estimates there are close to 10 children that live on the property run by the corporation, which includes 24 apartments and 10 townhouses.

The footprint for the playground limited the options for what could be installed, but the corporation was conscious of certain features that would benefit the young users.

"It's not a big space so there is not a lot you can do with it. So we wanted to make sure we didn't lose the things that we knew the kids played with and see if there was anything we can add," she said.

They added a slide and ensured it had raised platforms, which allows the children to play "forts" underneath the structure sometimes, using snow from the ground to create walls at the openings, Rogers added.

Originally, the Monmouth Township Non-Profit Housing Corporation wanted to replace the degrading rubber matting, but realized with a successful application for OTF funding they could replace everything. The aging equipment had been enduring regular repairs and was not open for use during these times, forcing the youth of the complex to go to town to play at the town playground.

The installation also permitted a feature with the "wooden border so that one area is blended into the grass to allow a smoother transition for strollers,walkers and wheelchairs."

Without the grant, the corporation was considering other materials such as sand, gravel and cedar chips.

"It was tremendous that they were able to give us that funding because then we could put in that rubber matting. It's better for maintenance and great for the kids to be on. It's nice and bouncy. It works so well," she said.

Rogers points out this playground is not open to the public at this time with the lockdown measures.

It is open to the youth that live at the complex, as it was decided by the corporation's board, who believe there is not a high density of children living at the complex. When it comes to safety for the residents the decision to open the playground made sense.

"For me these kids can play in their own playground with their own neighbours and feel safer instead of going up to town to the playground area where everybody uses it and you have no idea who's there. Less worry about being exposed to germs, right?"

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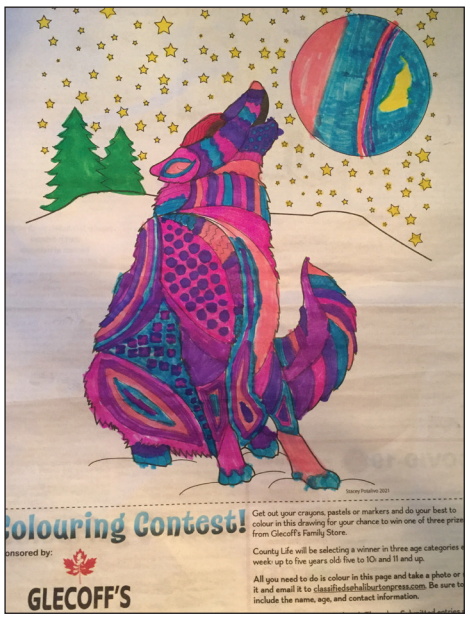
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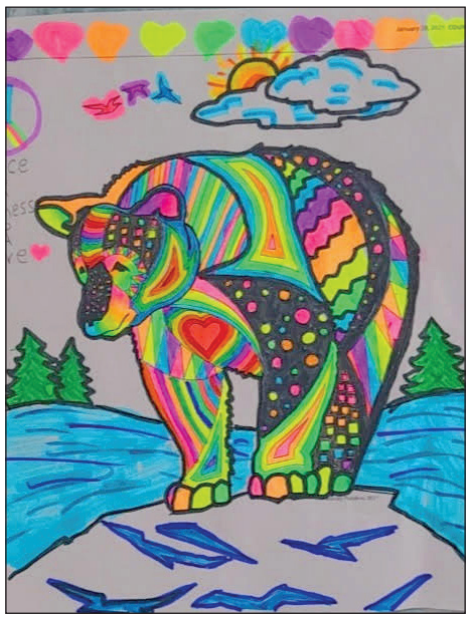

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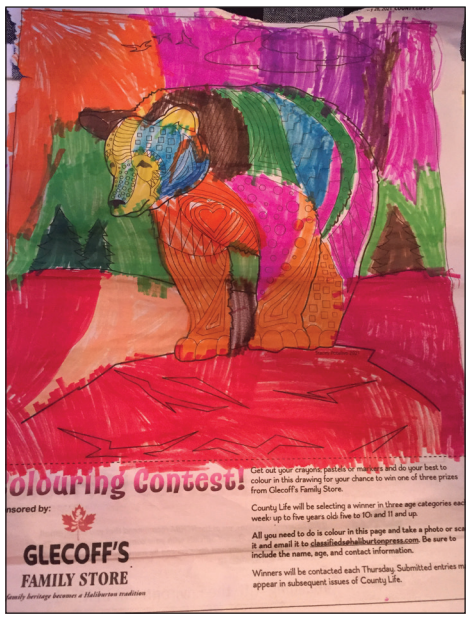
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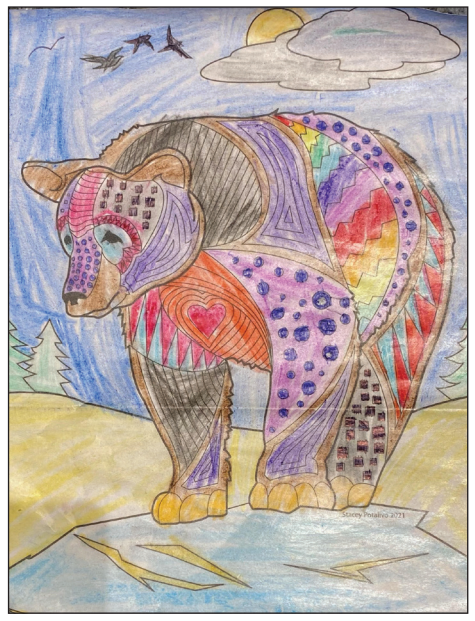

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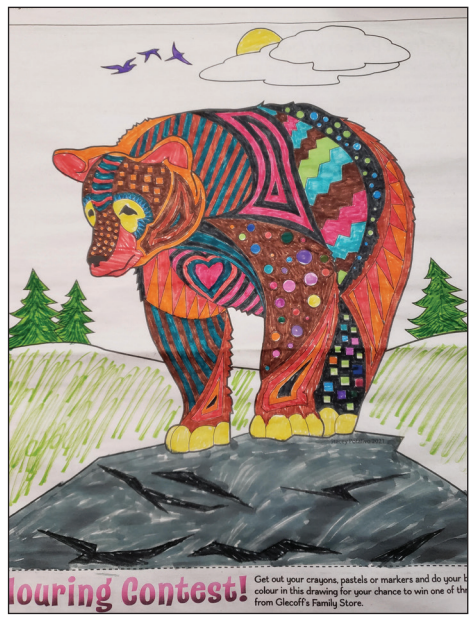
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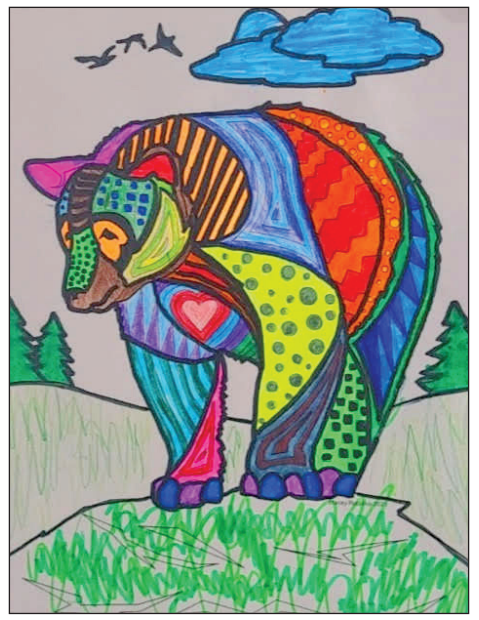

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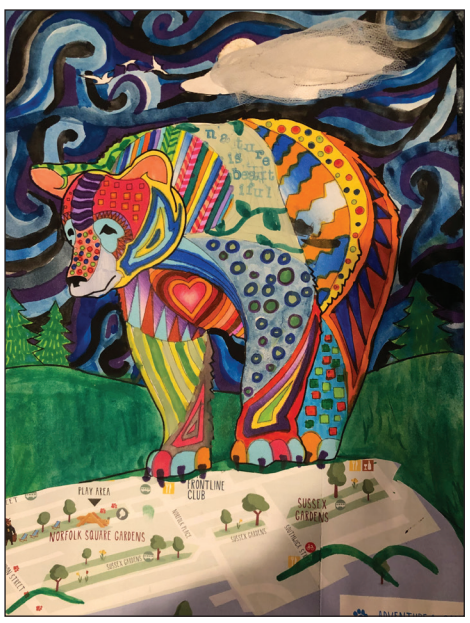

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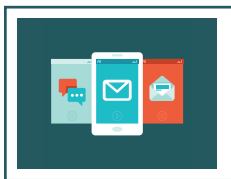

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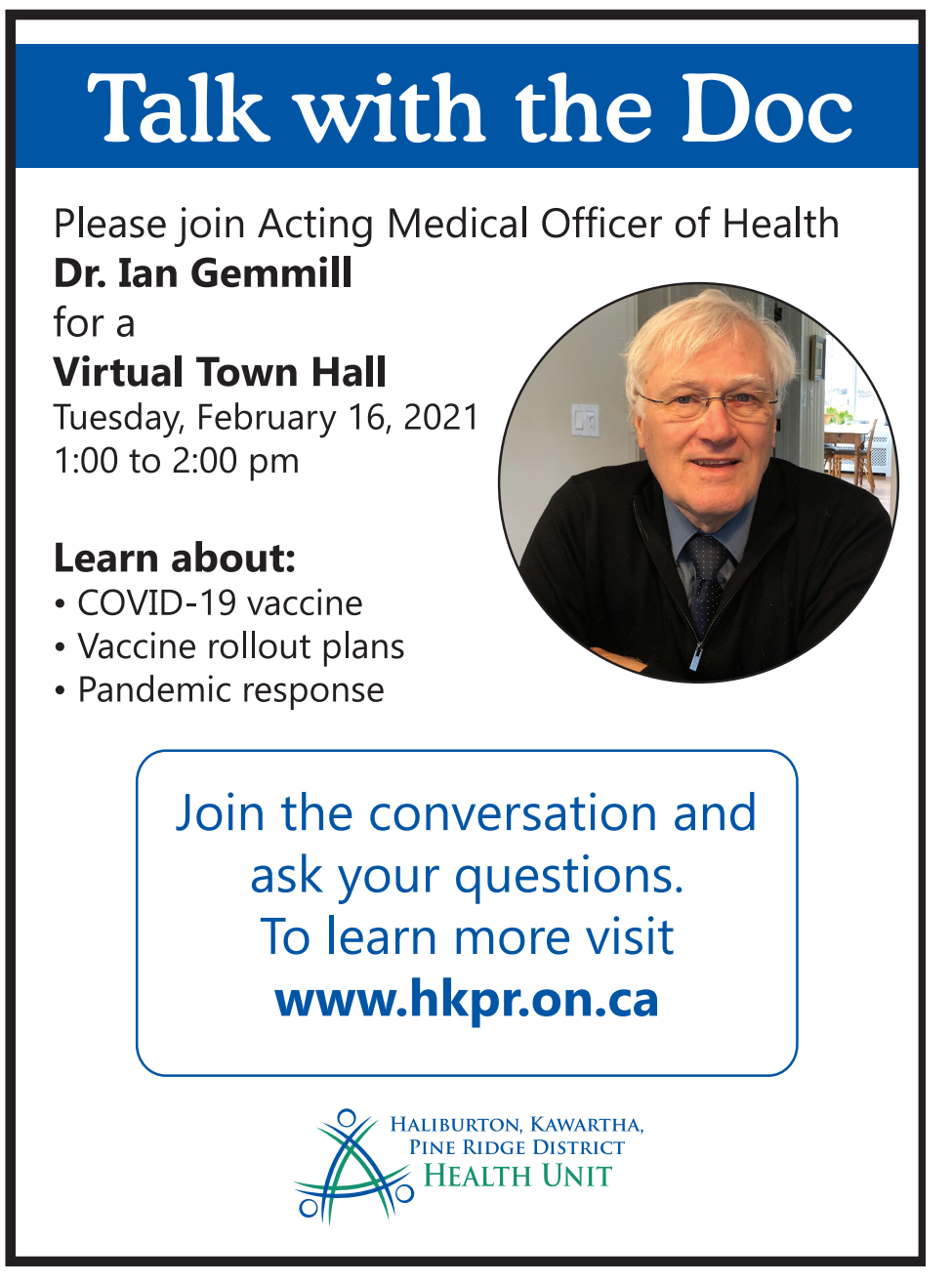

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$13.7 million green light

Infrastructure funding assures health projects

It was standing room only at Haliburton County council chamber last Wednesday, January 21. The occasion was the long anticipated announcement regarding funding for the Haliburton and Minden hospitals.

The official announcement was made, at the county council meeting, that the Canada/Ontario Works Program funding for Haliburton County health care facilities had been approved.

Victoria-Haliburton riding MPP Chris Hodgson and MP John O'Reilly and Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board Chair, Hugh Nichol, shared the spot light to make the official announcement. The funding approval was for $13.7 million with one-third being provided by the federal and provincial levels of government and one-third by the community.

Chris Hodgson said Wednesday's announcement was one more step in the long process of improving health care in Haliburton County.

"It is the result of years of hard work by countless individuals," Hodgson said, adding that there are still a few more hurdles to overcome. "The province's goal is to ensure that Ontarians can have access to the health services they need through every stage of their lives," he said. "Today's announcement is helping us to fulfil this objective for the people of Haliburton, Minden and the surrounding area."

"The Canada/Ontario Infrastructure Works Program is designed to create jobs and improve the quality of life in large and small communities throughout this province. It gives me great pleasure to know that the project we announce today will ensure better health care services in this region," said John O'Reilly. "This will contribute to an increased sense of security for people who need long-term care and will create more than 200 short-term jobs in the con-

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Dogs lead the charge into a busy winter weekend

The fourteenth annual Minden Techni-Cal Challenge is a go for this weekend. Organizers are confident that the weather will hold and that the community will be treated to days of exciting sled dog racing.

The trails are in excellent condition", director Stu Brandon said Saturday morning after completing a circuit of the four and eight mile loops. "Even this bit of rain we're getting today should help to firm up the trail."

The committee's optimism is tempered by the fact that the race has been postponed once this year due to less than ideal trail conditions and the speed with which weather patterns can reverse snow conditions. "At this point it is all system go," Race Governor Val Lougheed said. "The long range fore-

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Fire breathing babysitter

Fortunately for eight-month-old Aylish Stromberg, TVO's Dudley the Dragon is a friendly critter. The prehistoric character visited Minden's CHACE Day Care on Wednesday to assist in the babysitting chores, while mom and dad took a minute to tour the facility. The open house was organized to give the community a chance to see what the program has to offer. This was one of a number of appearances Dudley made throughout the county last week.

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